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FROM AMBASSADOR LEARSON FOR D/LOS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJ: LOS: ARCHIPELAGOS

1. SUMMARY. AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH SOVIETS ON ARCHIPELAGOS PRIOR TO VISIT OF INDONESIAN TEAM. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATELY.

2. FYI. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM UK THAT INDONESIAN TEAM PLANS TO VISIT MOSCOW DURING FIRST WEEK IN MARCH, AND THEN PROCEED TO LONDON EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK. TEAM WILL APPARENTLY INCLUDE AIR VICE MARSHAL SUDERMONO, AND JUSUF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. END FYI.

3. REQUEST AMEMBASSY MOSCOW APPROACH SOVIETS AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT INDONESIAN OFFICIALS PLAN TO VISIT MOSCOW FOR LOS CONSULTATIONS SHORTLY. WE BELIEVE THEY MAY ATTEMPT TO PROBE FOR WEAKNESS OR DISAGREEMENT AMONG MARITIME STATES ON STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGOS. ACCORDINGLY, WE HOPE USSR WILL TAKE FIRM LINE WITH INDONESIANS, RELYING ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE AGREED GROUP OF FIVE AMENDMENTS ON THE STRAITS
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AND ARCHIPELAGO TEXTS. INDONESIANS SHOULD BE REMANDED THAT COOPERATION ON STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGO ISSUES ARE LINKED. WE WOULD ALSO REMIND SOVIETS THAT IF INDONESIANS FELT THEY COULD ACHIEVE RECOGNITION OF ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE WITHOUT

AN LOS TREATY, THEIR INCENTIVE TO COOPERATE WITH MARITIME
STATES IN LOS CONFERENCE IS SHARPLY REDUCED.STREATOR

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